

STEEL "TRUST" PROBE RESUMED AT THE CAPITAL

Commissioner of Corporations
Smith, the First Witness, Re-
fuses to Give Unpub-
lished Data

WILL FIRST CONSULT TAFT

If President is Willing He Will Di-
vulge Facts Wanted by Com-
mittees. Inquiry By His
Bureau Started in 1906.

Washington, D. C., July 20.—The ef-
forts of the House steel trust com-
mittee today to get from Commissioner
of Corporations Smith facts relating
to his investigation of the United
States Steel corporation not yet pub-
lished were blocked by Smith's em-
phatic refusal to answer such ques-
tions, saying the law forbade such dis-
closure except upon the president's
authority.

Smith agreed to take up with Presi-
dent Taft the matter of making public
the information sought.

The steel investigation resumed to-
day after nearly a month's respite and
Commissioner Smith was the first wit-
ness. Smith stated the corporation
bureau's "steel trust" investigation began
in 1906 and his bureau has an an-
nual appropriation of \$260,000 for its
work.

"This committee can't sit perpetu-
ally," said Mr. Stanley, who added it is
due the committee, the country and
the steel corporation, that the facts
be released.

Members of the committee and com-
missioner clashed frequently. Repre-
sentative Littleton of New York de-
nounced the law governing the bureau
as it is construed as a "monstrosity."

Chairman Stanley read from the
minutes of the steel corporation of
June 16th, 1906, in which Gary made
a statement that his finance committee
was keeping in constant touch
"with the investigation by the bureau
of corporations" and that the trust
representatives were in constant touch
with the president and Commissioner
Garfield.

"Do you know who was keeping in
constant touch with the president and
Garfield?" Stanley asked.

"Does the chairman's question tend
to imply there was a collusion between
the steel corporation officials and the
president and Garfield?" asked Repre-
sentative Gardner (Mass.).

"No, but it implies unseemly activi-
ty," said Stanley.

TWO CENT R. R. RATES.

Not Known Whether St. Paul Road
Will Comply.

Mauree E. Hastings, agent of the
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul rail-
road states that he does not know
whether or not that company will com-
ply with the two cent railroad rates in
the upper peninsula, says the Mon-
nomic Herald Leader.

"When the law becomes effective I
suppose the company will issue a new
tariff," said Mr. Hastings. "They have
not issued the tariff as yet, nor have
they notified us that they will issue it.
I know no more about what the com-
pany intends to do than anyone else."

When asked if the higher powers
had referred to the time "when the
two cent fare becomes effective in the
upper peninsula," as have the officials
of the Northwestern, he replied that
he had heard nothing.

CONVENTION OF GIDEONS.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 20.—Delegates
from many parts of the country ar-
rived in Milwaukee today for the an-
nual convention of Gideons, an orga-
nization of Christian traveling men
which during the past year has been
instrumental in placing over \$9,000 bil-
lions in the hotels of the United States
and Canada. The sessions of the con-
vention will begin tomorrow and will
conclude Sunday with special meet-
ings to be held in forty Milwaukee
churches.

SUFFRAGETTES TO FAST.

New York, July 20.—During the
week beginning Aug. 15 New York
suffragettes will "fast" from ice
cream, candies, cooling drinks, roof
garden parties, week-end visits and
other pleasures. The money saved
will be sent to the California suffra-
gettes to aid their campaign for votes,
which will end Oct. 10 with an elec-
tion on the suffrage question.

HAYTI REBELS PROGRESS.

Port au Prince, July 20.—The Rev-
olutionists occupied Cape Haitien last
night. The enemy also attacked Port
Liberte as President Simon and his
troops withdrew.

Revolutionists Pillage City.

Cape Haitien, Haiti, July 20.—This
city is at the mercy of the revolu-
tionists and is being pillaged. The
French council was slightly wounded
while offering protection to the local
authorities.

WETS AND DRY IN WARM FIGHT

VOTERS WILL DECIDE LONG CON-
TEST OVER PROHIBITION
AMENDMENT TO TEXAS
CONSTITUTION.

Both Sides Confident.

It seems impossible to forecast the
result of the special election with any
degree of certainty. From the head-
quarters of both the prohibitionists
and the anti-prohibitionists are emanat-
ing reports indicating that both sides
view the outlook with equal confidence.

Some onlookers see in the results
of the last Democratic primary an in-
dication of the vote in the coming
election. To the majority, however, the
results of the recent primary only
serve to make the present situation
more puzzling. In the primary an
overwhelming vote for Railroad Com-
missioner Oscar B. Colquitt, the anti-
prohibitionist candidate for governor,
was polled, but at the same time a
great demand for the submission of
the prohibition question was voted. In
Democratic Texas, nomination in a De-
mocratic primary is equivalent to elec-
tion, and although Mr. Colquitt was
assured of the post of governor, he
was obliged by the votes of the people
to submit to a vote on the question
of prohibition.

Contest Has Been Warm.

Throughout the campaign both sides
have maintained headquarters in a
number of the leading cities of the
state. From these headquarters tons
of literature have been mailed and
hundreds of speakers have been sent
forth to stump the country from end
to end. Governor Colquitt himself has
led the force of anti speakers. On the
prohibition side former Governor
Campbell has been one of the most
active workers. The newspapers, the
churches, the Y. M. C. A. and numer-
ous other organizations have lined up
on one side or the other in the cam-
paign and many instances are cited
where even families are split over the
issue.

The only feature of the struggle
which stands out with unmistakable
clearness is the fact that the public
generally is desirous that the saloon
question be definitely settled once and
for all, for it has long been a bugbear
in Texas politics. But whether they
want to vote out the saloon at the
same time is a question that can be
answered only by a count of the votes
day after tomorrow.

FRIENDS DONATE SKIN.

Michigan Locomotive Fireman Leaves
The Hospital, Recovered.

Battle Creek, Mich., July 20.—With
more than 400 pieces of skin on his
body that originally belonged to his
friends, former Fireman George Nel-
son has left the hospital to enjoy him-
self at his old home in Allegan.

A year ago, when Nelson was taken
from the Grand Trunk wreck at Dur-
and, the physicians said he could not
live. But despite untold agonies he
survived the first month and then the
doctors put it up to his friends, George
Minner, Ole Olson and Frank Floyd, all
trainmen, and Fred Ross, a nurse,
came forward and allowed 101, 100,
125 and seventy-five graftings of skin,
respectively.

Now, after a year in the hospital,
Nelson is able to leave and rest indef-
initely on the money given him by the
Grand Trunk as a settlement.

WIFE SHOTS "BLACK HANDER."

Chicago, Ill., July 20.—Mrs. Vito
Lopisco today shot and probably fat-
ally wounded her husband, Joseph, in
the presence of two detectives who
were summoned by her. She charged
that he was a member of the "Black
Hand" and deserted her recently. The
police had arrested the husband and
waiting for him to get out of bed and
dress when the woman fired the shot.
She told the police that her husband,
while at a Buffalo "black hand" mis-
sion, shot her in the leg.

MAY BE NEW GEYSER.

Washington, July 20.—Eruptions of
water, steam, sand and small rocks to
a height of several hundred feet from
the hot spring in the Norris basin in
Yellowstone National park have been
occurring during the summer. Those
familiar with the park are unable to
explain the phenomenon. They may
indicate increasing activity in the sub-
terranean forces to which the geysers
are due, and if such is the case, it is
possible another geyser may develop.

HINES' STORY CONTRADICTED BY MR. ALDRICH

Ex-Senator From R. I. Flatly De-
nies He Told Chicago Man
to Urge Lorimer to Be-
come a Candidate

HE TELLS OF CONVERSATIONS

Declares He Said Lorimer Would Not
be Objectable to Taft, But
Not That President Was
Personally Concerned.

Washington, D. C., July 20.—Former
United States Senator Aldrich of
Rhode Island, flatly contradicted at
today's Lorimer investigation Edward
Hines' testimony that Aldrich asked
him to urge Lorimer to become a sen-
atorial candidate and had advised
Governor Deneen that Taft had ex-
pressed the belief Lorimer could be
elected and was the most available
man.

Aldrich told of several conversations
with Hines concerning the Illinois
senatorial election in which Hines in-
quired of Taft's attitude toward Lor-
imer's possible election.

"I told Hines that Lorimer's candi-
dacy would not be objectionable to
the president," said Aldrich.

Aldrich denied he told Hines he
wanted a senator elected because of a
prospective close vote on the tariff.
"As a matter of fact, as far as the
tariff was concerned, we were better
off with a vacancy than with a sena-
tor. With the vacancy we needed one
forty-six for a majority; with him
we needed forty-seven," declared Ald-
rich.

Lorimer's attorneys on cross-exam-
ination endeavored to show that Ald-
rich might have said "acceptable" to
Taft, Aldrich emphatically declared he
said "not objectionable" and that he
meant that word and nothing else.

Aldrich added he knew Hines would
use the information at Springfield in
an effort to elect Lorimer.

Lorimer's counsel suggested that ac-
tion be taken to prevent "newspaper
assaults on witnesses." The commit-
tee will take the matter under con-
sideration.

SPECIAL SERVICE PROVIDED.

It was announced today by the
Houghton County Traction company
that beginning tonight, and continuing
the rest of the week, a special street
car will leave the Albion station for
Muhawk for the benefit of the com-
pany's patrons in Keweenaw county
who desire to attend the Hancock
home-coming. The special will leave
with the car that will leave the
home-coming grounds at 11 o'clock.

DE LA BARRA IN DANGER.

Mexico City, July 20.—The police
are investigating an alleged plot to
assassinate President De La Barra.

HAYSTACK SAVES LIFE OF AVIATOR

CHICAGO AMATEUR MAKES DES-
PERATE LEAP WHEN MACHINE
TURNS OVER AND LANDS
SAFELY.

Chicago, Ill., July 20.—A haystack
today saved the life of Harry Cowling,
an amateur aviator flying a biplane in
an open field. While making a short
turn the aeroplane turned turtle and
dropped sixty feet to the ground. As
the machine turned over Cowling
made a desperate leap and alighted on
a haystack uninjured. The machine
was wrecked.

Aviator Aitkin Falls.

Fort Madison, Iowa, July 20th.—
Aviator Aitkin fell today with his bi-
plane, but escaped unhurt. His biplane
was badly damaged.

New Zeppelin Dirigible.

Frederichshafen, Germany, July 20.—
The Schwaben I, the newest Zeppelin
dirigible balloon, left this morning for
Luzerne, Switzerland, carrying eight
passengers.

The Schwaben I returned here this
afternoon, having made the round trip
to Luzerne successfully in seven
hours.

BIG REGATTA AT DULUTH.

Duluth, Minn., July 20.—The three
days' carnival of water sports, for
which Duluth has been preparing for
several months, was ushered in today
with a series of motor boat races. To-
morrow and Saturday will be the big
days of the carnival, when the annual
races of the Northwestern International
Rowing Association will be held.

BITTERLY ASSAILS THE BOY SCOUTS

UNION ORGANIZER IN WISCONSIN
SAYS THEY ARE NOTHING
LESS THAN AN ALLY
OF CAPITALISM.

LaVrosse, Wis., July 20.—In his an- nual report to the convention of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, here today, Assemblyman Frank J. Weber of Milwaukee, organizer and chief officer of the state body, fiercely attacked the boy scout movement.

The speaker declared the boy scouts
were nothing less than an ally of "cap-
italism" hidden behind the guise of
patriotism.

"As a trade unionist, who is opposed
to the destruction of human life and
staining the soil with innocent blood,
I am opposed to this military organiza-
tion of boy scouts," he said.

The boy scouts movement should
be shunned by every boy in America
who seems to become a legalized, salu-
aried, professional murderer to serve
the interests of the class of privilege.

The report declared against strikes
in industrial disputes except as a last
resort. It criticized the Republican
and Democratic parties in Wisconsin
and demanded the election of federal
judges.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY.

Plattsburg, N. Y., July 20.—Official
representatives of the states of New
York and Vermont and the Province
of Quebec assembled today at Rouses
point, situated on the international
boundary line near the foot of Lake
Champlain, and joined in a celebration
to mark the commencement of work
on the proposed international highway
to connect Montreal and New York
city.

LIVES OF MANY PEOPLE SAVED

AWFUL WRECK ON DENVER AND
RIO GRANDE NARROWLY
AVERTED BY ORDER
OF DISPATCHER.

Grand Junction, Colo., July 20.—A
wreck in which scores of passengers
might have been killed was averted
when contrary to custom a freight
train on the Denver & Rio Grande
railroad proceeded the Transcontinental
Express a few minutes out of De-
Beigne yesterday and broke through
the bridge over which the express
train was due to pass a few minutes
later.

The freight train had waited at De-
Beigne for the express train to pass,
but the dispatcher finally allowed it
to go ahead, with the result it was
wrecked. No one was injured. A flag-
man rushed back and signalled the
passenger train.

COMET IS A POOR ONE.

It May Not Become Visible to the Un-
adorned Eye.

Chicago, July 20.—Nightly observa-
tions of the latest "Celestial tramp,"
known as Kless comet, are being taken
at the Yerkes observatory by Prof.
Edwin B. Frost and Prof. Sherburne
W. Burnham. The new comet was
first seen by the observers at Williams
bay July 8, the day following the re-
ceipt of a dispatch from Lick ob-
servatory announcing its discovery.

"I doubt whether it will be visible
to the naked eye," said Prof. Frost
today. "We will not be able to tell
definitely, however, for several days.
It is not a particularly brilliant com-
et. It rises in the east between 1 and
1:30 a. m."

OSBORN TO INVESTIGATE.

Will Look Into Inner Workings of
Public Domain Commission.

Detroit, Mich., July 20.—The strain-
ed relations between Gov. Osborn and
Secretary of State Martindale prom-
ise some interesting developments, as
the chief executive declared yesterday
that he would at once begin an in-
vestigation of the public domain com-
mission, of which Martindale has been
the leading figure.

"I have no desire to indulge in per-
sonalities," said the governor, "but
Mr. Martindale's references to me fur-
nish me no explanation of the \$1,000
spent by the commission and which
has never been accounted for. We
propose to know where that money
went."

"The trouble has been that there
has been far too little efficiency in the
work of the commission, which has
largely been devoted to the political
welfare of the members. I reduced
the commission's appropriation from
\$25,000 to \$15,000 and had I known
what I do now I would have wiped it
out altogether."

PRESIDENT AT MANASSAS.

Washington, D. C., July 20.—Presi-
dent Taft has arranged for a trip to
Manassas, Va., tomorrow to take part
in the big celebration of the Blue and
the Gray, near the battlefield of Bull
Run.

REAL "FATHER" OF THE TRUSTS IS DISCOVERED

At Least This is What Congress-
man Madison Calls Former
Counsel Parsons of
Sugar Co.

ORIGINATOR OF THE IDEA

Witness Before Committee Declares
He is Willing to Take Blame for
Formation of the First Big
Corporation.

New York, N. Y., July 20.—"Ah,
here's the real father of the trusts,"
said Representative Madison, of Kan-
sas, to a reply by John E. Parsons,
former counsel of the American Sugar
Refining Co., in the sugar investiga-
tion today.

"I am willing to take the blame for
originating the idea of consolidating
the sugar interests into one big com-
pany in 1887," said Parsons.

Parsons went further and said this
was the first big combination, even
preceding the Standard Oil, and Mad-
ison's remark followed.

Parsons further said he thoroughly
believed in combination of capital, la-
bor or any other interest for the ben-
efit of those interested.

"How long did the refineries com-
pany last?" was asked.

"The change began when a political
party brought suit to disorganize the
North River Refineries Co.," said Par-
sons.

"What party?" cried most of the
congressmen.

"We call it Tammany Hall."

Then all of them wanted to know
why.

"Well, that was about the opening
shot of the political parties against
trusts, and both parties have kept it
up ever since. That is why I'm not
a good party man now."

Secretary Freeman of the company
stated he was unable to find the mys-
terious resolution which Havemeyer
put through the board of directors in
1891 approving "applications made by
political parties."

ANOTHER CHOLERA SHIP.

New York, July 20.—Another ship
from the cholera country, the steamer
Principe Di Piemont, of Genoa and
Naples, is anchored and quarantined
today with several hundred immi-
grants who must undergo a bacteri-
ological examination before they are
permitted on the main land. Under
the state and federal rules the steamer
will be detained ten days.

INVADING FLEET VICTORIOUS.

Block Island, R. I., July 20.—In a
thrilling night encounter in Block Is-
land sound between the invading fleet
and defending vessels the former claim
to have penetrated the line of de-
fense, and as a result New York and
Boston today are at the mercy of an
armed force in theory.

LEWIS STRANG MEETS DEATH

NOTED AUTOMOBILE DRIVER IS
KILLED WHEN HIS CAR JUMPS
EMBANKMENT AT BLUE
RIVER, WIS.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 20.—Lewis
Strang, probably the best known au-
tomobile racer in Wisconsin, was killed
at Blue River, Wis. this after-
noon when his car jumped an embank-
ment in the state reliability tour.

MARKEY IS RE-ELECTED.

Cleveland, O., July 20.—The Knights
of the Maccabees of the World today
re-elected D. P. Markey of Detroit
supreme commander.

R. R. MERGER IN EFFECT.

Chicago, Ill., July 20.—The merger
of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois
Railroad and the Evansville and Terre-
Haute Railroad became effective today
in accordance with the recent action
of the stockholders of the two com-
panies. The consolidated roads will be
known as the Chicago and Eastern Il-
linois and will be operated as hereto-
fore under the control of the St. Louis
and San Francisco system.

MOB MAY LYNCH NEGRO.

La Crosse, Wis., July 20.—Thousands
of persons are hunting for Edward
Robinetto, a negro farm hand, who
last night shot and wounded Sylvia
Price, the pretty daughter of his em-
ployer who regulated his advances. His
fate depends on whoever, officers or
farmers, find him first. The girl is ex-
pected to recover.

EDITORS MAY GET COLD RECEPTION

PRESS ASSOCIATION MAY NOT
BE WELL RECEIVED IN CAN-
ADA BECAUSE OF
UNION TALK.

DETROIT, Mich., July 20.—At the conclusion of this afternoon's conven- tion of the National Editors' associa- tion, or the National Press association as it hereafter will be known, the dele- gates will embark on an all-water trip to Montreal and Quebec and also visit the regions of northern Ontario. There is much speculation among the editors as to what kind of reception they will receive in Canada.

On the opening day of the conven-
tion several speeches were made in
which a "union" with Canada was
strongly advocated. So much was
said along this line that a great many
delegates have been dubbed "annexa-
tion boosters." Judge Sutherland of
Toronto, on the floor of the convention
took exception to the union sentiment
and spoke warmly against it.

Speaking of the Canadian visit one
of the prominent delegates said, "I
think we will be lucky if we escape
without hostile demonstrations."

The National Press association, un-
til yesterday known as the National
Editorial association, adopted resolu-
tions today endorsing the administra-
tion of Dr. Wiley, the department of
agriculture and opposing the enact-
ment of legislation granting penny
postage.

TO RECLAIM VAST TRACT.

Washington Plateau Land Will Be Ir-
rigated Within Four Years.

Spokane, Wash., July 20.—Three
hundred thousand acres of land on
the Horse Heaven plateau, in south-
central Washington, will be reclaimed
by irrigation within the next four
years according to E. D. Mineah of
Prosser, president of the Land Own-
ers' association, who has received ad-
vice from United States Senator
Jones that Walter L. Fisher, secretary
of the Interior, has granted the applica-
tion of the Klickitat Irrigation &
Power company for a canal right-of-
way through the North Yakima and
the Vancouver land districts. Mr. Min-
eah says that the water storage,
which is owned by farmers and ranch-
ers, has been pledged on a basis of
not more than \$20 an acre for water
rights. It is estimated by L. M. Rice,
chief engineer, that the project will
cost between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,-
000 and will require three years to put
it into operation. Water is to be taken
from the two forks of the Klickitat
river, also the Big Muddy river, and
conducted to the land over the govern-
ment reservation along the south
slope of Simcoe mountains.

BOTTOM OF MAINE RAISED.

Only Four Feet of Water Remains in
Cofferdam.

Havana, July 20.—The process of
removing the water surrounding the
wreck of the Maine was practically
completed last evening, when the wa-
ter level in the cofferdam had been
lowered eighteen feet, leaving the
wreck surrounded by islets of mud,
small pools and sinkholes of green
slimy water. The soundings show no
where a depth in excess of four feet.

The structure of the bow as far aft
as frame 18 is now exposed, permit-
ting an analysis of the plates, beams,
ribs, etc., and it has been shown con-
clusively that they originally belong-
ed to the structure of the double bot-
tom, which is now elevated to a height
of about forty feet above the normal
position, apparently giving confirma-
tory evidence of a tremendous exterior
explosion. To this view, however, the
engineers decline to content them-
selves, merely admitting the identifi-
cation of parts of the bottom of the
ship.

YARMOUTH GOES BANKRUPT.

Former Husband of Alice Thaw In Fi-
nancial Distress.

New York, July 20.—The American
publishes the following from London:
The Earl of Yarmouth, former hus-
band of Alice Thaw, has reached the
end of his financial string. He will
formally become a bankrupt tomor-
row when a receiver will take posses-
sion of Abbeymead, the country seat
at Bourne End, where the earl led so
luxurious a life during the first years
of his marriage to the American girl.

"It is presumed that whatever of
value is left in the historic house, will
be sold for the benefit of the almost
countless creditors whom the earl has
been holding off for years."

NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.

Washington's and Franklin's Like-
nesses Will Be Used.

Washington, July 20.—"Unity, art
and harmony," according to Third As-
sistant Postmaster General Britt, will
be combined in a new issue of postage
stamps about to be authorized. The
head of President Washington will ap-
pear on the first six of the series, and
the last five will bear the likeness of
Benjamin Franklin. All of the new
stamps' denominations will be in Ar-
abic and this, as well as the use of a
separate color or shade for each de-
nomination, is expected to prevent the
confusion of which two conventions of
postal clerks have complained.

LEO'S ANNIVERSARY MASS.

Rome, July 20.—The eighth anniver-
sary of the death of Pope Leo XIII.
was observed today with a requiem
mass, which was celebrated at the Sac-
red College in the presence of the high
clergies of the church and a num-
ber of invited guests.

DICKSON RETIRES TODAY.

Washington, D. C., July 20.—After a
long career of efficient service, Medi-
cal Director Samuel H. Dickson was
placed on the navy retired list today
on account of age.

ROBBERS HOLD UP A NORTHERN PACIFIC TRAIN

Passengers Compelled to Give
Up Valuables When Train
is Stopped by Three
Masked Men

ROBBERY IS MOST DARING

Observation Car and Two Sleepers
Entered and Occupants Relieved
of \$500—Escape is Made in
an Automobile.

Grand Forks, N. D., July 20.—Train
No. 2, east-bound, Northern Pacific
North Coast Limited, was held up by
three masked robbers near Buffalo, N.
D., at midnight. The robbers secured
five-hundred dollars from the passen-
gers, and shot and wounded Engineer
S. P. Olson. The robbers made a suc-